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ABSTRACT

The major government relations activities which APGA has concentrated on during the past six months are in the following areas: (1) GRC and Its Network: Major efforts have been made to strengthen the national government relations communications network in all 50 states. Government Liaison Workers (GLW) and legislative committees are being formed in each state. Resource materials and position papers to assist GLWs have been developed and disseminated, (2) Testimony: APGA has testified in House and SEnate on Career Guidance and Counseling Act; in House and Senate on Education Appropriations and in the House on National Home Health Care and Higher Education, (3) Veto Override: The Committee for Full Funding of Education Programs achieved a veto override on FY 1976 appropriations for education. P.L. 94-94 became a reality because of this effort, (4) Inter-Association Activity: APGA participation with CFF on appropriation activity; co-sponsored a National Conference with American Vocational Association; actively working with AERA, National Manpower Institute and U.S. Office of Education on other professional activities, and (5) Career Guidance and Counseling Act: Both H.R. 3270 and S.940 were introduced in Congress. Ideas contained in both are now incorporated in S.2657, Education Amendments of 1976. (Author/NG)

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APGA Legislative Update from Washington, D.C.

Thank you Pete, its a pleasure to be in Kansas City for this North ~~Cntrral~~ Central ACES meeting. My task today is to give a legislative update from Washington, D. C.

This has been a busy period for the Association. Essentially our efforts have been concentrated in five areas:

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- Government Relations Committee and its network
- APGA Testimony
- Veto override
- Inter-associational
- Cover Guidance & Counseling Act and related strategies

A. GRC and its Network

1. This association is blessed with one of the best committee chairpersons and committees plus communication contacts that it has ever had. Uncounted volunteer work; developing GLW network; plans to organize for a national legislation workshop; 25 "Professional Issues and Needs" Action Papers have been identified; array of audio-visual and printed materials have been distributed to GLW network; people are organizing in every state - getting sophistocated and successful (Oklahoma, North Carolina, Florida, etc.); the Guidepost and GRC Fliers and workshops are reinforcing general membership.

However, the brunt of this work to date has been borne by State Department people and school counselors. We need more involvement from counselor educators. Letter writing, activities and conceptualizing.

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B. APGA Testimony

APGA Testimony this year has been voluminous:

1. Career Guidance and Counseling Act in House and Senate

B. APGA Testimony (continued)

2. Education appropriation in the House and Senate

3. National Home Health Care Act

4. Higher Education

In addition statements have been submitted on Title IX regulations; Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (Buckley Amendments); and Juvenile Delinquency & School Vandalism Act.

I will say more about Career Guidance and Counseling Act and its strategies later on.

C. Veto Override

Education appropriations for FY 1976 and some forward funding for FY 1977 were a direct result of all education organizations (including APGA) working together through the Committee for Full Funding of Education programs decisively overrode the Presidential veto -- this organization needs $, it has been most successful through years. Your letters and mailograms etc., helped a lot. Now we have P.L. 94-94 including funds for student aid, Title IV-B, Special Projects -- Career Education, Women's Equity and Gifted and Talented, Vocational Education, Title I, etc.

D. Inter-Associational

. Work with many groups through CFF

. Specifically - recent AVA - APGA Vocational Conference on recommendations of 6th Report, full proceedings released in month - popular version soon after -- many states actively implementing recommendations.

. Something also going with National Manpower Institute; Higher Education Government Relations group; AERA: and U. S. Office of Education.

E. Career Guidance & Counseling Act and Related Strategies

. S.940 & H.R. 3270, come to workshop afterwards

. Omnibus legislation & A.P.G.A. "bottom line" elements to Congress to staff aids and each member of House and Senate education committees.

E. Career G & C Act & Related Strategies (continued)

. Timetables in House and Senate

. APGA testified

. Rhode Island Meeting and Why

. Missouri Meeting

Maryland Meeting

Minnesota Meeting

All States

**** See insert on bottom of page.

. National Advisory Council and Lewis to Marland critiques -- 9 points

Read memo and 9 areas -- come to workshop

. National Manpower Institute (Boundless Resource June 27, 1975)

. Joann Harris Bowlsbey - NIE July 31 study "Career Guidance Needs of the Nations Youth and Adults"

F. Miscellaneous

. G.I. Bill

. Technical Amendments to Title IV

. Buckley Amendments - regs.

Are you participating ? Congressional Record, Federal Register, Education Daily, Career Education.

***** GAO REPORT on Vocational Education "What is the Role of Federal Assistance for Vocational Education" 12/3/74